

SPIRIT OF FREEDOM MONUMENT

Lakeway Heritage Center Park (2022)

The Lakeway Heritage Committee and the City of Lakeway proudly welcomes you to Heritage Park, funded in part by generous donations from our citizens and the support of the Lakeway Civic Corporation.

Located on over two-acres of land, which was formerly the site of a ranch-house complex built in the 1930's by Gus Mauermann, the park showcases the *Spirit of Freedom Monument*. Originally dedicated on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the monument honors and provides a perpetual reflection of <u>local residents who served or presently serve in our armed forces during official periods of armed conflict.</u>

The center obelisk lists names of those veterans who served during World War II. Separate panels list the names of veterans from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The most recent addition to the monument is the panels nearest to the flags; this allows the addition of names over time, and reflects on official periods of armed conflict as specified by Congress since the Gulf War began in late 1990.

Collectively, there are over 1100 past or present Lakeway residents who have responded to the call of our country during critical times in our history. Sadly, over 120 have passed away since the monument was dedicated in 1995. Moreover, less than one-dozen World War II veterans were still living in Lakeway in September 2021.

The City of Lakeway solicits annually the names of veterans eligible to be added to the monument for recognition on Veterans Day each year. The deadline for submission is July 25th. A tax-deductible donation of \$325.00 is required for each name to be engraved for World War II through Vietnam. Post-Vietnam names require a donation of \$425.00. Regretfully, there is no space remaining for Navy veterans of World War II.

Persons interested in having a name added to the monument should fill out the <u>preliminary</u> information below and deliver the form to the *Heritage Center* or to *Parks & Recreation* at the Activity Center. You may also mail the application to: City of Lakeway/Heritage Center, 1102 Lohman's Crossing Road, Lakeway, TX 78734. You will be contacted by a representative for additional information, confirmation of eligibility**, and method of payment. <u>Information effective June 2022</u>.

Further information can be obtained by calling 512-608-9533 or 512-314-7530, or email: history@lakeway-tx.gov.
PRINT NAME TO BE ENGRAVED:
BRANCH OF ARMED FORCES SERVED:
SERVED (Month/Year):TO (Month/Year):
DESIGNATED COMBAT PERIOD (WWII/Korea/Vietnam/Iraq etc.):
LAKEWAY ADDRESS:
CONTACT NAME (If different than above):
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:
CONTACT EMAIL:

**Eligibility includes now living or having lived within the Lakeway extra-territorial jurisdiction and honorable military service during officially designated periods of combat.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO HERITAGE CENTER OR PARKS & RECREATION AT THE ACTIVITY CENTER